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SUES TO DISSOLVE THE BUTTER TRUST Mr. Prouty Would Repeal Balkan Peace Envoys Decide

Attorney General Brings Action Charging Conspiracy to Fix Prices Arbitrarily.

ACTUAL VALUES IGNORED CLAIMED IN THE PETITION

Alleged Alliance of Big Manufacturers and Cold Storage Concerns.

FIVE YEARS IN COMBINATION

Creamery Butter Manufacturers Denies Charge of Illegal Practices. CHICAGO, December 14.-The Elgin

Association Creamery Butter Manufacturers were attacked by the federal government in a civil anti-trust suit filed here today for the dissolution of Sweeping charges of a conspiracy to

fix arbitrarily the price of butter in of the farmer, other small producers and the consuming public are made would destroy as a violation of the

"Butter making has drifted to the large manufacturers, the natural increase in volume of business has been curtailed and prices to the people of the count y have been enhanced, especially during the 'conspirators,' according to the governent's petition in equity. The bill is signed by Attorney General

to the Attorney General; United States Attorney Wilkerson of Chicago, and Stan ey D. Montgomery, Albert G. Welch and Charles F. DeWoody, special assistants to the Attorney General.

Injunction Sought.

Aside from the dissolution of the two organizations, the government seeks to enjoin the defendants from appointing a price-fixing committee; from fixing prices; from quoting or publishing figures purporting to be "market prices" unless they are based upon bona fide sales of butter; from demanding that the Eigin price be used as a basis in making contracts for butter, and from makfictitious or "wash sa.es" of butter to missead as to the actual price at which butter is being sold.

The price of butter fixed on the Elgin

exchange, the government maintains, is not the result of free and open competition regulated by actual bona fide sales under the law of supply and demand. The price-fixing committee of the board is dominated and controlled, it is alleged, by large butter manufactories, known as controlled. centralizers, 2nd by cold-storage con-cerns. This committee, the petition adds, has acted arbitrarily and without any regard to actual values, and fixed prices wholly in the interest or the conspir-

It is charged that the American Association Creamery Butter Manufacturers, composed of about forty-six firms and individuals, is used by the "conspirators" to maintain these differences in prices without regard to trade conditions or competition. All members of the association are required, it is alleged, to use the price thus established as the basis of their contracts for the purchase or sale of

Alleged Deception.

The system by which the price of butter is fixed is not generally known to the the petition, but "on the contrary, the price is published throughout the United them as in other cities." States in newspapers and otherwise with out any accompanying statement of how the price is determined, and readers o. quotations thus published, and particularly farmers and other small producers of butter and sellers of butter fat, are leto believe that the price quotations are prices established by actual bona fide competition upon the Elgin Board o. The alleged combination and conspiracy

is said to have been formed "so te five

Charges Denied.

the organization has ever attempted to fix the price of butter, or that it has any connection with the Elgin Board of Trade. George L. McKay, secretary of the asso-

"Our association has fifty-two members, embracing the largest creamery butter manufacturers in the central states. Our members make about one-third of all the high-grade butter sold in the United States. We have no connection with the Elgin Board of Trade, and never have attempted to fix the price or manipulate the output of the product. "Our work is purely educational. We

send out bulletins from time to time to the farmers, showing them how to buy and use cattle to the best possible advantage in their business."

J. A. Walker, president of the associa-

tion, is in Washington attending a meeting of dairymen. The annual meeting of the Elgin Board of Trade is scheduled to be held in Elgin

Monday, when it is said the action of the government in filing the suit for the ais-solution of the body will be considered.

WOLVES EAT FOUR PERSONS. Large Packs of Starving Animals

Terrorize Portuguese Farmers. ished wolves yesterday devoured four terday because they played cards while in the province of Beira.

Large packs of the starving animals their action by a bailiff, who listened at have come down from the gorges in the the keyhole. This is what the bailing Pope's Brother, a Postmaster, Re-Sierra da Estrella, whence they have been heard: driven owing to the deep snows, and they are terrorizing the low country. They attack lone y farms at night and cards: it's my deal; here, cut the cards persons trave.ing along the roads are in

A great hunt was organized yesterday by the coun ry innabitants in the prov-ince of Beira. More than 2.0 men participated and they succeeded in rounding up and kilding over one hundred wolves. Eight of the hunters were badly bitten.

Kroonland Unable to Make Landing.

PLANS FOR DISTRICT TERMS DRAWN UP

Half-and-Half Principle.

WIPES OUT ORGANIC ACT SECRECY BEING OBSERVED

Bill to Be Introduced at the Extra Servian Ex-Premier Novakovitch Session of Congress.

Mayor and Commissioners Elected by People.

Representative Prouty of Iowa, a member of the House District committee, is working on a bill which will wipe out Secretary of American Association the half-and-half plan of appropriations for the District of Columbia, and establish a form of municipal government in potentiaries. this city whereby the District will raise hestancy in saying that his idea is to do entire proceedings of the peace conferaway entirely with the provisions of the ence, unless it may be considered dethe "butter trust," and the American the cost of the capital municipal organ- the concurrence of all the plenipotenization, and in an interview with a Star reporter today he declared that the city would be better off if it cut loose from the old ways and entered on a new period of corporate life.

The proposed bill is not on paper and will not be introduced this session, but it the interest of big manufacturers and will be introduced early in the coming cold storage concerns to the detriment extra session, according to Mr. Prouty's present views. There is no doubt about the earnestness of his intentions, and out in the state of Iowa he has been talking by Attorney General Wickersham of the proposed measure for the past against the so-called trust, which he three months at least. He said today that he had not conferred with Repre-sentative Johnson, chairman of the District committee, about the bill, but that he and the chairman were in sympathy with the general proposition

Entirely His Own Idea.

"Has the investigation which Reprecounts between the United States and the ground, for the present, at any rate. "Does the bili sp.ing from that investigation or is it original with yourself?" "My bill is entire.y my own idea," he replied, "although the facts which Mr. Johnson will present will undoubtedly add argument to my side. It will make fuel

That there is a peculiar situation here in Washington because of the fact that the city was laid out to be a national capita' and to have large federal reservations is not overlooked by Mr. Prouty, who says he intends to provide for the equities in those directions in his coming

"I know full well that the city has broad streets and a great number of parks and government reservations, and that the poulevards are of National Capital proportions, and that the municipality would not have them were it not for the fact that the nation established its capital here. In framing the bil: I would take that, into consideration when planning for assessments and taxes.

the additional assessment against the property owners for pavements, sewers as they are here. Following that assessment on the boulevards, if there is no street car line, I would have the general public take care of the additional assessment. Where there are street car lines would have the companies pave between their tracks and two feet on each side as is done practically in all other cities in this country.

Treatment of Parks.

"As the public parks are more or less national in character and larger and more should allow the United States to bear its molety of the expense. In all other re-

States and the District of Columbia, Mr. Prouty's bill will provide for a form of Moines, Iowa. Four commissioners and ence in St. James Palace. a mayor would occupy the District buildng, all elected by the people of the Dissales and purchases of butter in open trict. The power of the recall would be given to the voters, and the municipal functions now assigned to three Commissioners would have to be divided up imong the members of the council of five. The mayor would be in control of the executive department, and the four commissioners would control, respective-Officers of the American Association of .y, the departments of public safety. Creamery Butter Manufacturers deny that finance, streets and public buildings and grounds.

Expects Opposition.

he is very much alive to the fact that his pared to make a big fight to impress his the peace which we have earned by this deas upon Congress. He is anxious to war and our sacrifices. I ask the supshow to the House and to the Senate, if port of Americans, whose love of fair need be, that he thinks the present sys- play is known, to help us get fair treatem of appropriations works for the benefit of a few real estate operators. He mentioned in his talk with a Star reporter today, the fact that state capitals it unnecessary for the allies to expend to not enter into a partnership with their such enormous sums on their armies. We respective commonwealths.

"And yet here in Washington," he concluded, "as big as all five of the biggest and to internal development. We have from the United States. When that situation is changed, I am positive it will be the newly liberated territory. for the betterment of all concerned."

HAD CARD-PLAYING JURORS. Court Severely Rebukes Ten Men and Two Women in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., December 14.-Ten men and two women, composing a jury in ment of the Turkish debt in Macadonia Judge Ronald's department of the su- favorable to the allies, and not only to LISBON, Portugal, December 14.-Fam- preme court, were severely rebuked yes- the financiers. persons in the neighborhood of a village considering a verdict in a minor criminal case. The court's attention was called to

> "If you had played spades that time you would have taken the trick; give the and cut out the conversation. When the jurors reported their inability to agree, Judge Ronald said, "If you had arrived at a verdict it would not his long and faithful services to the poshave been worth the paper it was written on. The jury is discharged from further service in this case."

Capital Prisoners Arrive. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., December 14.

DOVER, England, December 14.-The Red -With the arrival of twenty-six prison- took Sarto, who is over seventy-six years Star steamship Kroonland, from New ers from Washington, D. C., last night of age, to the minister of posts and teleable to land her passengers here today, prison here was increased to 1,206, the personally. owing to the gale. She proceeded direct most ever confined in the institution at compensatory grant of \$35 is the outcome one time:

on Demands to Be Made.

May Preside.

INDEPENDENT LOCAL SYSTEM CALL ON SIR EDWARD GREY

National Capital to Be Governod by Bulgarian and Turkish Plenipotentiaries Pay Visit to the British Foreign Minister.

> LONDON, December 14.-The chiefs of the four Balkan missions to the peace conference have drawn up the terms of peace which the allies intend to present with a united front to the Turkish pleni-

The terms are kept secret for the presits own funds and expend them according ent, and the plenipotentiaries have deto its own ideas. Mr. Prouty has no cided that similar secrecy shall mark the organic act whereby the United States sirable to issue communications from Board of Trade, popularly known as and the District of Columbia jointly pay time to time. This, however, must have

> The delegates of the Balkan league have decided to propose Stojan Novako vitch, the Servian ex-premier and the oldest plenipotentiary, as chairman, but, should the Turkish delegates object, an arrangement will be made by which the head of each mission shall preside alternately over the proceedings. Premier Elefterio Venizelos of Greece had been singled out as presiding officer, but tactfully withdrew in favor of the candidacy of Stojan Novakovitch.

Reach Unanimous Agreement.

The representatives of the Balkan nations have reached an unanimous agree ment as to their attitude on various questions likely to be brought up before sentative Johnson is making into the ac- isted they have been put into the back-In regard to the alleged demand by tice before the beginning of the peace negotiations, the plenipotentiaries of the Balkan League point out that when the armistice was signed by Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro, the Turks were told plainly that Greece would participate in the peace conference under any circum-

> The Bulgarian and Turkish envoys to day visited Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, at the foreign office. Dr. S. Daneff, one of the Bulgarian plenipotentaries, subsequently left for Paris to confer again with Premier Poincare of France in regard to the European political situation.

Views of Dr. Daneff.

Prior to his departure for Paris Dr Daness declined to make any prophecy as to the prospects of the peace conference. He said, however: "We certainly hope to conclude peace. Otherwise we should not be here." He laid emphasis on the unity of the

allies, declaring: "I reaffirm that on all important questions we are unanimous. As to Greece's attitude in connection with the armistice, I should like to point out that an armistice is a matter of secondary importance. Peace treaties have been concluded in the past without an armistice." brought by the Greek papers in regard to the Bulgarian atrocities during the

hostilities, saying: "That is no matter to be discussed today. We are here for a definite purpose -namely, to conclude peace between Tur-key and the four allies. Other questions

can come afterward. May Enter Triple Alliance. .

PARIS, December 14.-Bulgaria is dewidely scattered producers, according to spects I would allow the city of Wash- Hungary. Germany and Italy, according for the benefit of a friend as if the benesource to the Figaro. King Ferdinand of Along with the proposal to change the Bugaria, who was in Vienna Thursday, existing relations between the United said the diplomat is on the point of concluding an agreement with Austria. Dr. Daneff will return to London in ity government similar to that of Des time for thhe first meeting of the confer-

MESSAGE IS SENT TO AMERICANS BY MINISTER VENIZELOS

LONDON, December 14.-This morning Prime Minister Venizelos of Greece dictated the following message to the Amer-

"Tell the American people that the Balkan allies stand together with the Amerthis conference the fruits of justice and

"The peace must be definite and make all need to devote our energies and money to the improvement of our people won the right to do this in our own

"We shall not discuss any of the to Great Britain, is now favorable, ac- marry her. Differences, however, arose problems among the allies themselves, raised by unforseen developments of the war, until we secure for all together the commonly earned fruits of victory. But we will settle these problems amicably."

The settle these problems amicably."

The declare the bulletin issued this morning to the bulletin issued this morning to the doctors in attendance. They declare that he passed a better night.

While the bulletins show optimism, it is believed the ambassador still is in a very believed the ambassador still is in a very mumm, in spite of his wounds, was we will settle these problems amicably."
This is the sentiment of other members of several of the peace delegations not quoted. But all w.ll demand restriction of European Turkey to a limited area, a fair war indemnity and adjust-

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE.

ceives Award for Faithfulness.

TURIN, December 14.-The Pope's brother, Angelo Sarto, was yesterday awarded \$35 by the Italian minister of posts and telegraphs in recognition of tal department. Sarto, who is postmaster at Grazie, in

the province of Mantua, a few days ago requested an increase in his salary, which amounts to 50 cents a day. He asked the deputy for his district to use his in-fluence in the matter and the deputy It was favorably received and today's

of his visit.



Testimony Against Judge Probably Will Be Completed Today.

The testimony on which it is sought to impeach Judge Robert W. Archbald of the Commerce Court is expected to be ended before adjournment today. Next week will be taken by the defense in presenting its interpretation of the acts charged as being "misbehavior and misdemeanors" on the part of the judge, and in calling before the Senate many of the citizens of Scranton, Pa., the judge's home, to testify to his standing in the

Preparations are being made to argue to the Senate that it was not necessary for the "prosecution" to show that the interest manifested by Judge Archbald in several coal dump leases was prompted in all instances by a pecuniary consideration for himself. The House managers will insist that it is just as reprehensible for a judge to use his influence as a judge

fit was to accrue to himself Referred to Senate.

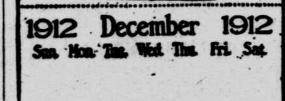
session of the impeachment trial was the she was so badiy injured that four docfight made against the efforts of the tors were called by the servants in the House managers to put in evidence tes- house and they attended her for an hour timony purporting to show that Attor- after Mumm's departure. Watson promised Judge Archbald part of the profits resulting from a proposed settlement of caims of the The attorneys for Judge Archbald entered such a vigorous protest that the question of admissibility was referred to the Senate. The Senate, by a vote of 29 to 25, decided to hear the testimony. It was the first close division recorded dur-

Among the other witnesses who yesterday repeated before the Senate the ican motto, 'United We Stand; Divided diciary committee were George F. Baer Iron Company; B. H. Meyer of the interresentative John T. Lenahan of Wukes-Barre, Rollin B. Carr, Frederick Warnke and Allen Kizer of Scranton.

REID'S CONDITION FAVORABLE American Ambassador to Great

Britain Passed Better Night. LONDON, December 14.-The condition where during the serious condition.

Only 8 Days for Christmas Shopping



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SHOP NOW AND

EARLY IN THE DAY.

SEEK MRS. BARNES STILL AWAIT SELECTION

Be in Sanitarium.

WAITING FOR HER TRUE LOVE.

Said to Have Been Kicked in Face Before She Fired.

WARRANT FOR HER ARREST

LITTLE KNOWN TO AMERICANS

Declared to Be Native of Pennsylvania and to Have Been Married to Chilean.

which Mrs. Barnes, an American woman Mumm, it appears from the police com-

missary's report, attacked the woman during a violent quarrel and kicked her in the face and neck. Whether he fired The feature of yesterday afternoon's at her has not yet been established, but Within a short time after the physi-

cians had left a man called at the flat. Marion Coal Company against the Dela- and, with the cook, who was the sole ware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. witness of the shooting, helped Mrs. Barnes down the servants' stairway into Mrs. Barnes, the man and her cook then drove off, and no trace of them has since been found by the police, who believe she was driven to a sanitarium in Paris or its environs. They are searching all these establishments systemat-

Antecedents Not Established.

The antecedents of Mrs. Barnes have not yet been definitely established by Police Commissary Landel, who is in charge of the investigation. She seemingly had no acquaintances in the American colony here. She described herself to the tradespeople in the vicinity of Passy, where she lived, as an American, and Walter Mumm's acquaintances who had met Mer were told she was from the Unifed States.

of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador Barnes believed Mumm was about to Thursday night and the tragic shooting Mumm, in spite of his wounds, was able to leave the house without assist-ance. He asked to be driven to a hospital and on his arrival sent for his brother, to whom he related the details today for New York on the steamer Berof the tragedy, but refused to call in mudian. A large crowd of American vis-

Wants Her Expelled. The brother, however, went to police

headquarters and requested that Mrs. Barnes be expelled from France. It is understood a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mrs. Barnes, but unless Walter Mumm's condition becomes worse, the warrant will not be put into Henri Mumm, a brother of the wounded man, in response to a request for a state-

Native of Pennsylvania. NEW YORK, December 14.-Mrs. Marie

Henry E. Davis Emphatically **Denies He Is Candidate** for the Place.

The selection of an inaugural committee chairman, and the final announcement committee, is expected here within the ganizations and all lines of business. next two days. At democratic headquarters in this city it was said that no additional information in regard to the chairmanship had been received today. John F. is still supporting Eldridge E. Jordan and

W. V. Cox for the place. The friends of Robert N. Harper, the PARIS, December 14.—Further compli- other leading candidate for the position, ner of the society some time in Februcations have developed in the sensational are using today to get in a final word in ary. The President may accept the in-Henry E. Davis, whose name has been

mentioned as a possible appointee as chairman of the inaugural committee, to day emphatically denied that he was in the race for the office. He said: "I am not now, and never have been, candidate or aspirant for the place, and my name has been mentioned to Mr. Mc. Combs for the chairmanship it is without my knowledge or my approval."

President Taft's Joke.

Representative Dyer of St. Louis upon in the short time he has in that city affairs. He is to see the President next ecutive. week on these matters.

"Costello," said the President with a will stop anywhere else going to and re-smile, "if you democrats do not make any turning from Key West. He will not have March 4 than you have in selecting a to the quickest possible connections. chairman of the inaugural committee most of the republicans now in office will hold on for another four years.' Mr. Costello had to agree that it did look somewhat that way.

PIONEER SUFFRAGE ADVOCATE Chicago Home.

CHICAGO, December 14.-Mrs. Esther Elmina Springer, one of the pioneers of the equal suffrage cause in America, died at her home here last night. She was eighty-one years old.

Mrs. Springer was associated with Miss According to one version given in the Mrs. Springer was associated with Miss newspapers today Walter Mumm and Susan B. Anthony in the suffrage move-Mrs. Barnes went about together every- ment when its adherents numbered only Poll Indicates Probable Ma- today. a few hundred in the United States.

WILSON SAILS FOR HOME. President-to-Be Delighted With His Vacation in Bermuda.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, December 14 .the quay and cheered Mr. Wilson as the which has recently been made. steamer left at 11 o'clock. Before going on board Mr. Wilson de-clared that he was delighted with his va-

Presidency Not to Be Sought. PARIS, December 14.-Leon Bougeois, a

former premier and the minister of labor in the present French cabinet, has told his friends, definitely that the condition of his health forbids him entertaining "In a fit of jealousy the woman shot Walter with a revolver, breaking his colar bone. His condition is not grave. Don't ask me anything more." any idea of standing as a candidate for the presidency of France at the coming

NORFOLK, Va., December 14.-W. W. Barnes, involved in the Mumm shooting Dickey, commissary steward of the bataffair in Paris, is a native of Pennsylvania and in 1910 married George H. Charges of a graft scandal in the comcreel, a millionaire Chilean. She inmissariat of the Atlantic fleet, was today

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Navy Grafter Gets Five Years.

JOHNSTON OUT OF IT STARTS INQUIRY District Commissioner Says

He Is Not Again Candidate.

WRITES TO THE PRESIDENT

Tells Mr. Taft He Accepted Last Term With Great Reluctance.

OYSTER CANDIDACY

Influential Business Men Call at White House and Urge His Appointment.

Through Col. William V. Judson, engineer Commissioner of the District, Gen. John A. Johnston today sent to President Taft a letter announcing that he was not a candidate for renomination and would not accept another term as District Commissioner. Gen. Johnston explained that he had taken the position three years ago with great reluctance and then only because, he felt he was doing the President and the District a service. He had enwed the work of the three years and had maintained the most amicable relaions with his colleagues and the subordinate officials under him, but he has had enough of public life.

President Taft today, answering the letter, assured Gen. Johnston of his ap-preciation of his efforts as District Commissioner; stated that he had "impressed" Gen. Johnston in the public service and recognized that District Commissioners do not repose "upon beds of roses."

It was really Commissioner Judson who nduced Gen. Johnston to accept the commissionership and who presented his name to Mr. Taft. Mr. Johnston d.d nat for some time that he could not be per-suaded to take another three years, Gen. Johnston has been away from the city much of the time since the discussion started over the naming of two Commissioners, and decided to write the letter after acquainting himself with the Col. Judson, whose tenure as Enginee

canal, did not discuss with the President assignment of Maj. Harding as Engineer

Capt. Oyster Gets Big Boost.

Commissioner is about to close through

his probable transfer to the Panama

Capt. James F. Oyster's candidacy for District Commissioner received a boost today when a delegation of influential business men called on the President and told Mr. Taft some of the many good things they know about Capt. Oyster. It was an enthusiastic delegation the President heard, and he listened with close attention to the favorable statements made to him. The delegation particularly impressed the President with the falsity of charges that Capt. Oyster is such a live wire that he would keep things hot in the District building.

They told the President that "Capt. F. McCombs of the democratic national Grant, representing the commercial or-At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the President received about 100 students of the Bliss Electrica! School of this city. To-night the President is scheduled to be a guest at two dinners, that of the Carabao Military Order and of the Society of Ohio Society of Pittsburgh, today invited

vitation if his engagements in that month do not prevent.

President Taft to attend the annual din-

Will Stop in Jacksonville. forty minutes in Jacksonville next Fri- House or Senate committee of Congress. day evening on his way to Key West, from which place he will sail on the battleship Arkansas for Panama. The plan of the Jacksonville Chamber of Mr. Costello made a Triendly call with Commerce is to entertain the President

It is not expected that the President progress in filling offices after the time to do so, having limited himself Senators Smith and Townsend of Michigan called on the President today to ask for a foreign mission for W. J. Rosenberg of Detroit, formerly in the consular service. Mr. Rosenberg picked out Morocco as the post he would like to have. The President, however, informed the visitors that France, having taken over Moroccan affairs, this country no longer sends a minister there. Fred Carpenter, Mrs. Esther Elmina Springer Dies at | who was for years private secretary to Mr. Taft, and now minister to Siam, was the last American minister to Morocco.

jority Against Arbitrating the English Protest.

That the question of discrimination raised by the protest of Great Britain had told the committees they would brook against the granting of free tolls to coastwise ships using the Panamt canal will not be submitted to arbitration is preitors and natives of Bermuda gathered on dicted, as a result of a poll of the Senate

A two-thirds vote of the upper house tration. Of the senators who have been were given an opportunity to reply." recorded in the poll, eighteen declared themselves in favor of arbitration, thirty against it and eighteen were non-commit-

Suggestion of Repeal.

is the repeal of the clause in the Panama coastwise shipping. That would require only a majority vote. But the Senate is at present made up practically as it was to investigate the conduct, management,

ONE CENT.

House to Investigate Financial Methods of Two Insur-

PAPERS AND ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY

Under Fire.

Resolution Introduced Provides for Exhaustive Probe-Companies

Chairman Johnson, Representative George and Representative Redfield of the House Disctrict committee, today appeared before the House rules committee to ask an investigation into the affairs of two insurance companies, a firm of financiers and the office of the District insurance superintendent, following the introduction in the House late yesterday by Chairman Johnson of a resolution to that effect, the full text of which appears

Within fifteen minutes of their ap pearance before the rules committee, which is to decide the matter, attorneys for the companies involved, the Commercial Fire Insurance Company and the First National Fire Insurance Company, were at the Capitol, asking

alluded to therein: "Hon. Robert L. Henry, Chairman of House Committee on Rules: "Dear Sir-As attorney for the Cor early and exhaustive investigation

as to the necessity of a congressional investigation came from my clients. "Respectfully yours.
"CHARLES E. CARUSI,"

Alleged Dissatisfaction.

The copy of a letter referred to is as follows, written under date of December 5, 1912, and addressed to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:

"Gentlemen: Gen. Wynne, president of the First National Fire Insurance Company, informs me that there is dissatis Jim," as one of them called him, was a real live wire and a hustler, but that his aggressiveness was always well and Southern building by Messrs. Hopewell H. Darneille; former assessor of taxes of the called the control of the called the called him, was a faction expressed at the District building by Messrs. Hopewell H. Darneille; former assessor of taxes of the called him, was a faction expressed at the District building by Messrs. ed of E. H. Droop, W. F. Gude, Chapin Brown, Joseph Strasburger. William D. Hoover, W. T. Galliher and Thomas & Hensey, and William P. Lipscomb, the further suggested that a reappraisement

> have advised the company to decline to appoint any appraisers for such purpose. I can well understand that adjoining property owners, who have not the same reason for carrying their rea. estate assets at their actual values, may have

Upon the invitation of Senators ested only in keeping their tax rates re-Fletcher and Bryan of Florida the Presi- duced, but such new appraisal shall be dent today agreed to make a stop of made under the direction of either the "Yours very respectfully,

No Decision Reached.

last night, called a meeting of the committee today, but as another resolution had precedence the insurance resclution was not reached until a few minutes before noon. Representative Johnson

able an investigation will be authorized, in view of the fact that the companies themselves have asked for it. The rules

That a strong fight will be waged by the business concerns involved to protect their rights may be expected. Representative Redfield told the rules committee that such was the case, and pointed out that the attorneys for the companies no extra examination into their affairs unless it be by congressional action In speaking to a Star reporter Mr. Redfield related the following:

"Two attorneys for the companies were in the office of Representative Johnson of the District committee today. I was there also. The attorneys used the word of Congress would be necessary to send, 'must' a little too often to suit me. They the quetsion to arbitration, and the poll even went so far as to tell us that no indicated that it is doubtful if even a ma- mention of these matters, if they reflected jority of the Senate would vote for arbi-on the floor of the House, unless they

minute of the session of the House yesterday afternoon by Representative Johnson, chairman of the House District com-One settlement of the question suggested mittee, is as follows:

ance Companies.

LOCAL FIRM ALSO INCLUDED

Interested Request Early

Action.

for an investigation on their own be Charles F. Carusi, attorney for the insurance companies, presented the

mercial Fire Insurance Company and the First National Fire Insurance Company, I desire respectfully to insist that the investigation called for by Mr. Johnson's esolution be ordered with a view to an "I append, herewith, a copy of letter inder date of December 5, from which it will be seen that the earliest suggestion

"Saturday, December 14, 1912."

of reducing the previous appraisal.

called attention to what they claim to be an appraisement in excess of that of the "We shall resist any attack upon this appraisal made for any such purpose, and if this appraisal is to be disturbed we shall insist that it shall not be done so by a new appraisal by persons inter-

"CHARLES F. CARUSI, (Signed) "General Counsel."

The rules committee, of which Representative Henry is chairman, did not de-President Taft today. He did not discuss and to give the people of Florida an op- cide the matter today, as pressing legisthe inaugural chairmanship or other local portunity to see and hear the chief ex- lation on the floor of the House demanded the appearance of the members there. Representative Johnson's resolution was placed in the hopper on the Speaker's desk late yesterday afternoon.

Chairman Henry of the rules commit-

outlined his ideas of the need for an inquiry briefly. Representative Redfield of New York went into the matter in more detail. The rules committee could not wait to mittee to an end. The immigration bill came up on the House floor and as a entative Henry is a strong advocate the bill, the meeting was adjourned with-out making a decision, although it is prob-

committee may decide the question late Strong Fight Expected

Text of the Resolution.

The resolution introduced at the last

"That the committee on the District of canal law providing for free tolls for Columbia of the House of Representa-

pany of the United States, Washington, District of Columbia, both doing business in the District of Columbia, and of the

District Superintendent of Insurance